

Student Handbook



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The Klein High School Choral Department enjoys a rich tradition of excellence, pride and high musical standards. As part of this strong choral organization you can be proud of who you are and what you do. We look forward to working together during the 2021-2022 school year to maintain the excellence that we have come to know as tradition. This investment of time, effort and energy will create a harvest of life-long benefits that will extend well beyond the vast boundaries of music.

Participation in the KHS Choir program provides students the opportunity to improve individual vocal technique, music theory and sight-reading skills. Students learn challenging choral literature in a variety of musical styles, and are able to compete at choral contests and festivals both in and out of KISD. Through individual and group opportunities, students will learn to uphold Klein's Five Core Values: ***Empathy, Gratitude, Integrity, Perseverance, and Service.***

This handbook is designed to introduce you to the choral tradition at Klein High School and to provide you with information regarding course selection, grading procedures, eligibility, private lessons, uniforms, fees, and a calendar of activities and concerts. As the year progresses, any additions or changes will be provided to you in a timely manner via email or on the Klein Choir website (www.kleinhighchoir.com).

We are excited about the opportunities that await us in the 2021-2022 school year. Parents, thank you for supporting your child's interest in music at Klein High School. Students, it is a privilege to have you as a valued part of our choir family.

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Klein Choir Ensembles

BELLA VOCE - (2nd Period)

This non-varsity choir is made up of mainly 9th & 10th grade women (some older as schedules permit). This group will sing treble literature. Members are required to participate in five concerts and the UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest.

ACAPPELLA MEN - (3rd Period)

This non-varsity choir is made up of mainly 9th & 10th grade men (some older as schedules permit). This group will sing tenor-bass literature. Members are required to participate in five concerts and the UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest.

LIEDERKRANZ - (4th Period)

This is an advanced treble choir and may include any grade level. Members are required to perform in five concerts and the UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest

CHORALE - (5th Period)

This varsity mixed choir is for Junior and Senior students with advanced choir experience. Some sophomores may be added at the discretion of the director. Five concerts, the KISD Men's Choir, FACE: A World of Song, and U.I.L. Concert & Sightreading Contest are required.

CHAMBER CHOIR - (6th Period)

This auditioned group is open to 10th-12th grade students who demonstrate distinguished vocal and musical skills. Students audition in May and must have concurrent membership in Chorale. Chamber members will perform at various events in the community. In addition to all KHS choir concerts, Chamber members are required to perform in the Dallas Madrigal Festival, Chamber Cabaret, Holiday Run-Outs, and must participate in the All-Region Choir audition process.

Choir Fees

Students in the KHS Choir Department are required to pay a **\$55** operating fee. This fee is necessary to maintain a quality choir program for our students, and is required to purchase items which are not provided by the District such as additional sheet music, accompaniment recordings, folders, supplies, uniforms & dry cleaning, Choir T-shirts, Pop Show T-shirts, clinician and accompanist fees, administrative costs and sound equipment. Please go to www.kleinhs.kleinisd.net and click on “School Cash” to pay your choir fee by September 17th.

Chorale members are required to purchase a Klein Choir polo. These polos cost \$25 and will be worn at our Homecoming performance, Region and FACE rehearsals, Spring Trip, Pre-UIL concert and group picture day for the yearbook.

Charms

Charms is an online tool that you will use to verify the forms you turn in, check your account balance for the Spring Trip, receive emails from your directors, etc.

1. Go to www.charmsoffice.com
2. Locate the “Parent/Student” Login
3. Your school code is: kleinschoir
4. Your password is your KHS student ID #.

Grading Procedures

Your grade is determined by the following guidelines:

Minor Grades (40%)

1. **Daily Participation**

*Responsibility Points

- Leaving music/folder out after rehearsal results in a three-point penalty for the daily grade.
- Food or gum in the choir room results in a five-point penalty for the daily grade
- Failing to have all rehearsal materials by the time the starting bell rings results in a five-point penalty for the daily grade.
- Having a cell phone out without a director’s permission results in a zero for the daily grade.

2. **Singing Tests**

3. **Daily Homework Grade** (Ear-training, listening journals, etc)

Major Grades (60%) – Concert Attendance & Performance

1. **Repertoire:** Is the music memorized and performed to a high standard?
2. **Concert Attendance:** Arriving late/leaving early from a performance results in a ten-point penalty off the Attendance Grade.
3. **Etiquette/Dress Code:** Is your behavior up to the standard of concert etiquette as discussed in rehearsal and the choir contract? Not following dress code for a performance results in a 10-point penalty off the Etiquette Grade for each infraction.
4. **Singing Tests**

The responsibility component of a student's grade encourages individuals to be mature and reliable contributors to the ensemble. Unlike other courses, being a member of a choir requires a student to trust his/her peers and students have direct control over the outcome.

Students are expected to check in at the beginning of the concert with their designated section leader by the designated call time. The section leader or Officer will complete a dress code check for each singer and report any problems to one of the directors. **Students must remain for the entire concert.**